

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above referenced application are respectfully requested.

In response to the new ground of rejection set forth in the Examiner's Answer, Applicant exercises the option to reopen prosecution. The Examiner is thanked for re-stating the rejections. Applicant believes that at least part of the Examiner's previous problem was that the words could be read in a way that covers winding a belt around the pulley in a conventional way. This was not an intended interpretation.

In response to this, and to obviate many of the issues which have existed in the case, each of the independent Claims 2, 11, and 17 have been substantially amended herein. Each of the claims now defines an optical source, and arranging the belt to keep the belt away from the optical source. This is different than Cleveland who shows putting the belt at the position nearest the optical source. While the secondary reference to Wharton does show the same kind of winding be used, it is used in a wholly different situation, and nothing about this system teaches anything about maintaining the belt away from the optical source.

Claim 2 defines a first area and a second area, that the second area is always furthest from the optical axis, and that the belt redirecting mechanism maintains the belt on the side of

the pulley that is furthest from the optical axis. None of the references disclose these features, or suggest these features. Moreover, no prior art teaching identifies the problem addressed by the present claims: damage to the belt from the heat in the optical train.

Claim 11 has been amended in a similar way. Since Claim 11 is a method claim, it defines maintaining the belt at the position that is furthest from the optical part.

Claim 17 has been amended in a similar way.

Each of these claims should be allowable over the prior art for reasons set forth herein and specifically that they recite the inventors novel recognition: that there would be advantages in keeping the belt of such a device away from the optical train. Nothing in the prior art in any way teaches or suggests the problem of the optical train heating the belt, and certainly nothing suggests this solution.

The newly added dependent Claims 22-24 define ridges on both sides of the belt, and defines how these ridges are used to contact the two different sides of the motor and pulley.


It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed in this paper. However, failure to address a specific rejection, issue or comment, does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above are not intended to be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all

pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

Applicant asks that all claims be allowed. Please apply the \$150 extra claim fee, and any credits or additional charges, to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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